[Mr. S. Gnana Joshua.]

(*c*) Do the Heads of Departments append to their annual administration reports statements showing how the vacancies that arose during the year were disposed of by them and their subordinates with reference to the claims of the different communities in the State?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government are aware that communities show concern in the number of official appointments each wishes to secure for its members.

(*b*) and (*c*) The answers are in the negative.

Kallar Scheme.

56. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any proposals about the hydro-electric or other scheme concerning Kallar water after it was once set at rest some time ago?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the communications, if any, containing such proposals?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) and (*b*) No negotiations have since been started in the matter.

Report of the Director of Industries re the work of Mr. P. N. Vriddhachalam Aiyar.

57. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Industries had reported to the Government about the unsatisfactory work of Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar, now Agricultural Chemist, while he was employed in the Industries Department, and, if so, to place the report on the table?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): No report has been made by the Director of Industries regarding the alleged unsatisfactory work of Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar.

Work done by Mr. P. N. Vriddhachalam Aiyar in the Agricultural Department.

58. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the work done by Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar since his entertainment in the Department of Agriculture?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The statement* asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Distribution of Copies of the Travancore University Committee Report.

59. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when the Report of the University Committee was published?

(*b*) Have copies of the Report been supplied to the members of this Council or of the last Council?

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*Vide Appendix I—page 294.

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(*c*) Have copies been sent to any gentlemen outside the State ? If so, how many copies have been sent ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to say whether Government publications are supplied to members of this Council ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Report of the University Committee was published in April 1925.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes; 202 copies.

(*d*) Some of the Government publications are supplied to the members of this Council.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government kindly state if the copies of the University Committee Report have been supplied to the Press and to the papers ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Copies have been supplied to some of the papers.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Will the Member kindly say whether Government propose supplying copies of the Report to the Members ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have not yet taken up the consideration of the report. When the University scheme is likely to come up before this House, the question of supplying copies of the report to the Members of the Council will be considered.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : With regard to part (*c*) of the question, will the Government kindly state the status of the agencies, outside the State, to whom copies have been sent ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is a very big list. No fixed principle, as to the status of the people to whom copies have been sent, could be gleaned out of that. There are 202 names in the list. It is open to the Member to peruse the list, if he so wishes. It is very difficult to glean any general principle from the list.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Has any principle been followed in sending the books to gentlemen outside the State ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no definite principle which can be mentioned to the Member. There are reasons for sending copies to particular individuals.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : With regard to part (*b*) of the question, may I ask whether the Members are expected to be in the know of facts dealt with in Government publications ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, they are.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : If that be so, are not the Members to be supplied with copies of the University Committee Report also ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. The question of supplying copies to the members will be considered when the Report is likely to come up before this House.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is there any restriction in the matter of supplying such books to the Members?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is absolutely no restriction. When the matter is likely to come up before the Council, the question will be considered.

Mahomedan Clerks in the Secretariat and in the Account Office.

60. MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Mahomedan clerks (both graduates and non-graduates) in the Secretariat and the Account Office?

(*b*) When did each enter service?

(*c*) When was each confirmed?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). A statement,* showing the names, date of first entertainment and the date of confirmation of the Mahomedan clerks now in service in the Secretariat and the Account Office, is placed on the table.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the main principle followed by them in confirming acting clerks?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The senior acting clerk is confirmed before the juniors are confirmed. That is the principle ordinarily followed.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): In Appendix II, M. Mahomed Yusuff Sait has been first entertained on 29-11-1093 as L. G. clerk, and on 27-11-1093 as H. G. third class clerk. How is that?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Before the gentleman took the B. A. degree, he was entertained in the Secretariat as a lower grade clerk.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): It is stated in the Appendix that he was entertained as L. G. clerk on the *29th* and as Higher Grade third class clerk on the *27th*. How can that be? Is it a printer's mistake?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It seems so. The date given is wrong. The year 1093 is a printer's mistake for 1097.

Alignment of a Tramway in the Shendurni Valley.

61. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests submitted a scheme for the alignment of a tramway in the Shendurni Valley;

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 294.

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